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To: Field Office Managers  
Field Office Weed Coordinators

From: Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Sixth Annual Colorado Weed Awareness Week (July 14-20, 2001) DD: 07/30/01

Non-native noxious weeds pose some of the greatest threats to the agricultural productivity, native biodiversity, and ecological integrity of our natural systems in Colorado. For the past few years, the Noxious Weed Management Team, the interagency committee formed as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed among 14 Colorado state and federal agencies, has asked the Governor of Colorado to proclaim one summer week as Weed Awareness Week. Events have been held across the state to raise awareness among agency staffs, as well as the public we serve, regarding the impacts of noxious weeds. Field trips to weed management areas, public involvement activities, presentations, articles in news media, and viewing tours with high-ranking agency officials and the press, were just some of the activities that were planned and carried out during last year's Weed Awareness Week.

This year, Governor Owens has continued this tradition by proclaiming July 14-20 to be Weed Awareness Week in Colorado. The Noxious Weed Management Team would like to ask for your assistance in planning and hosting events across the state that highlight the threats noxious weeds pose to our agricultural lands, our natural ecosystems and biodiversity, and the beauty of Colorado's landscapes. To emphasize the principle that effective weed management takes cooperative and coordinated action among diverse stakeholders, I encourage you to contact local offices for all state and federal agencies, county weed supervisors, and private organizations such as agricultural and environmental groups and homeowner associations to partner up for Weed Awareness Week activities. Collaborating with other offices and organizations will also help to reach a more diverse audience and improve the quality of each event.

Education and increased awareness are essential to the success of effective weed management

programs in every part of the state. This is an excellent opportunity to focus public and private attention on the issues related to noxious weeds. July 14-20 was chosen because it appears to be an uneventful week in which we can take full advantage of local and state media coverage for these events. If you have any questions, please contact Cliff Knapp at 970-947-2832 or Carlton Lance at 303-239-3715. Additionally, please send a brief e-mail report of your Weed Awareness Week activities to Carlton Lance by July 30.

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